

Chichewa

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1 Language Information

- Source: Bentley and Kulemeka (2001)
- Glottlog: <http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/nyan1308>
- ISO-identifier: nya
- Speakers:
- Location: Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe,
- Geneology: Atlantic-Congo > Volta-Congo > Benue-Congo > Bantoid > Southern Bantoid > Narrow Bantu > Eastern Bantu > Tumbuka-Sena-Nyanja > Nyanjaic > Nyanja

2 Nominal Morphology

There are different prefixes for singular and plural.

3 Verbal Morphology

There are different personal prefixes on the verb for singular and plural.

4 Conjunction

Clauses can be conjoined using the conjunctions *ndi*, *ndipo* 'and' and *koma* 'but'.

- (1) Ndi-ma-gwir-a ntchito ma-siku onse, ndipo ndi-ma-phunziranso.
1S-TAM-work-FV 6-day all and 1S-TAM-study
'I work everyday and I study.' [Bentley and Kulemeka, 2001, p. 39]
- (2) A-da-lemb-a kalata koma s-a-da-i-tumiz-e ayi.
3S-TAM-write-FV 9-letter but NEG-3S-9-send-FV no
'She has written letters, but she has not sent anything.' [Bentley and Kulemeka, 2001, p. 39]

- (3) Ndi-kada-bwer-a dzulo, koma ndi-na-dwal-a.
1S-TAM-come-FV yesterday but 1S-RP-sick-FV
'I would have come yesterday, but I was sick.' [Bentley and Kulemeka, 2001, p. 39]

5 Disjunction

No information given.

6 Prepositions

The following preposition-like stems in combination with locative prefixes can indicate spatial references.

1. *-nsi* 'under'
2. *-mwamba* 'on top of'
3. *-mphepete* 'on the side of'
4. *-mbuyo* 'after, behind'
5. *-kati* 'in the middle of'
6. *-tsogolo* 'ahead'
7. *-nja* 'outside'

References

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